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Kristina Cammen, School of Marine Sciences

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Earlier this year, we asked students to nominate faculty members who had an important impact on them and the response was incredible. Through online videos and announcements, we are featuring the nine faculty members who won 2021 Faculty Mentor Impact Awards

Transcript

hi

my name is alice hotop and i'm a phd
candidate at the school of biology and
ecology at the university of maine
dr kim and is my dissertation advisor
for my research on adaptation and
ecological genomics
christina has been amazingly helpful
throughout my time at umaine
helping me with everything from learning
about genomics concepts to lab work into
designing my dissertation chapters
christina is also always endlessly
positive and puts an optimistic spin on
research
challenges and beyond being an
incredible
research mentor christina is also very
welcoming and inclusive

and has created a lab culture where even students who tend to be quieter have the space to participate in discussion in my experience i found this hard to come by in academia but also very key to helping students build confidence so thank you for everything christina and congratulations thank you for this nomination and award i am deeply honored to be recognized by my students for mentorship particularly during this past year of many unanticipated challenges i've been fortunate over the course of my own professional training i've had several amazing mentors of my own without whom i would not be where i am today and from each of these people i've learned something about how to try to help other students achieve their individually defined versions of success paying it forward so to speak i am deeply proud of the undergraduate and graduate students who are members of my research group and i admire them both as individuals as well as members of our lab group community they've learned to embrace and oftentimes emulate in their own mentoring relationships my supportive approach to mentorship i

strive for students
to face their own challenges and support
them in overcoming the barriers that
they
inevitably come across along the way and
honestly these students oftentimes do
the same for me
we have a motto in our lab to celebrate
every step
along the way not just the final outcome
and we've embraced this approach with
renewed emphasis
over this past year we've supported each
other throughout
a challenging time of remote learning
and virtual lab meetings
and our individual successes during this
time are made stronger
and more enjoyable because the
professional relationships that support
them and celebrate them
i find the opportunity to work
one-on-one and in small groups with
students to be one of the most rewarding
parts of my job
student training and mentorship within
and beyond the classroom
is one of the places that i see myself
able to make a difference
able to have a positive impact thank you
again to the students and the award
committee for your recognition of these
efforts